Investment of proposed soft drink concentrate unit

902. SHRI KISHOR MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the Punjab Agro-Pepsi proposal regarding the estimated investment of Rs. 5.5 crores for the soft drink concentrate and state:

(a) what is the break up of Rs. 5.5 crores investment of Punjab Agro Inductries Corporation's proposed soft drink concentrate;

(b) what was the Coca Cola's investment in their concentrate plant; and

(c) the reasons as to why the Pepsi import content is 20 per cent of sales when Coca Cola's import content was 4 per cent as per the Yunus Committee's Report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) As per the details furnished in the application submitted by the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation, the break up of investment of their proposed soft dring concentrate unit is as under:—

	Rs. crores
(1) Land, Site Development	0.25
(2) Building/Base Treatment Utilities	1.00
(3) *Machinery and Equipment* :	
( ) Local	0.60
(b) Imported	1.00
(c) Duties, etc.	2.40
	4.00
(4) Margin for working capital (20%)	0.30
TOTAL	5.55

(b) and (c) It is not feasible to compare the manufacturing programme of Punjab Agro Industries Corporation with that of Coca Cola because Coca Cola came into India in early 1950s and terminated its operations in 1977. It may be added that Government has not yet taken a decision on the Proposal of the Corporation and that import of raw materials in all cases will be regulated in accordance with the import policy prevailing from time to time.

Sick units

903. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minster of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many units in Small Scale Industry in the country are termed as sick units; and

(b) what steps Central Government are proposing to bail out these units from sickness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) As per latest information vailable from the Reserve Bank of India, which is the primary agency for compiling data regarding sick units, the total number of sick small scale units in the portfolio of scheduled commercial banks at the end of December 1985, was 1,17,783.

(b) A number of measures have been taken by Government to rehabilitate sick units in the small scale sector. The Reserve Bank of India have issued guidelines/instructions to commercial banks for revival of sick units and to consider grant of need based credit facilities on concessional terms. Special cells have been set up by the RBI, IDBI and scheduled commercial banks to tackle the problems of sick units. State Level Inter Institutional Committees have been constituted to render assistance to sick unit in a coordinated manner. The situation is reviewed from time to time and Government takes such remedial measures as are considered necessary to help small scale units to tide over the problems of sickness.